

PRESIDENT: Any discussion of that motion? The question is, the adoption of amendments to 218? All those in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The amendments are adopted.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move that LB 218 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Discussion of the motion? The question is, the advancement of 218? All those in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The bill is advanced. Senator Kremer asked the Chair to announce that 32 seniors from Harvard High School in Clay County are in the north balcony. We are very happy to have all of you students here. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature and come again.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 306 and find the same correctly engrossed, 324 correctly engrossed, 475 correctly engrossed. Signed Senator Dworak, Chairman. Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 67 and find the same correctly enrolled, 302 correctly enrolled, 335 correctly enrolled, 437 correctly enrolled, 448 correctly enrolled, 480 correctly enrolled, and 493 correctly enrolled. Signed Senator Dworak, Chairman.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Bill 67. Under the same circumstances, I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Bill 302. Under the same circumstances, I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Bill 335. Under the same circumstances, I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Bill 437. Under the same circumstances, I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Bill 448. Under the same circumstances, I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Bill 480. Under the same circumstances, I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Bill 493.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Enrolling Clerk reports that she did on this day at 9:30 present to the Governor for his approval, LB 303. Signed Barbara Jackson, Enrolling Clerk. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be excused from 10:00 to 11:00 today. Signed Senator DeCamp and also Senator R. Lewis.

PRESIDENT: It is so ordered. We're now on General File. We start with 198A.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 198A introduced by Senator Cavanaugh. Bill read. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: This is the A bill that would go with 198, the workmen's comp increase. The state is a self-insurer so any increase in workmen's comp would result in increased benefits paid to state employees who would have a claim. The current A bill is 50,000. There is some difference of opinion as to how they arrived at that. The fiscal staff apparently feels that there would be a 50,000 increase in benefits paid and I think that's probably exorbitant. I don't know if I should probably amend it to 25,000 which I think would be a reasonable estimate of what the current increase would probably cost the state of Nebraska in the next year as far as claims are concerned.